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In re Patent Application of)	NON-FEE AMENDMENT
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For: METHOD FOR DETECTING DNA POLYMORPHISM APPLYING TRIPLE STRAND DNA FORMATION TECHNIQUE))))	

AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action mailed December 20, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows: